

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Ketchikan Gateway Borough****Project Title:**

Ketchikan Gateway Borough - International Airport Parking Improvements (Paving, Curbing, Striping)

State Funding Requested: \$ 850,000**House District: 1 - A**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Paving of airport parking lot to provide for better access for residents safer transportation around the airport.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$850,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Item is \$850,000 for parking lot expansion and safety improvements at Ketchikan International Airport. Current parking facilities at the airport are overcrowded beyond the 250 car capacity. Funding would provide for paving and installing curbs and striping on adjacent lots. Currently overflow from the parking is in dirt and muddy areas adjacent to the parking lot. These areas are unstable given the high volume of precipitation and pose safety risks to residents and visitors. State funding will provide for better access for residents safer transportation around the airport.

Project Timeline:

FY09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Ketchikan Gateway Borough or Designee

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



THE COMMUNITY OF KETCHIKAN



Paving, Curbing and Striping of the Ketchikan International Airport Parking Lot

FUNDING REQUEST

\$850,000

The Ketchikan International Airport is located on Gravina Island and the primary parking lots for the airport are located across the Tongass Narrows on the city-side of Revillagigedo Island, with four smaller supplemental parking lots on Gravina Island. Passengers and airport employees utilize the airport ferries to reach the terminal.

Only one of the two lots on Revillagigedo Island is paved. Together, these two lots have a capacity of approximately 250 vehicles. In busy months demand exceeds capacity and vehicles are often double-parked or left along access roads and entrances restricting access by buses and emergency vehicles. It is estimated that space for at least 30 additional vehicles would be established if the second Revillagigedo lot was paved and striped. Of the four small supplemental parking lots on Gravina Island, only one is paved. When demand exceeds capacity on Gravina Island similar parking problems occur. The unpaved lots are difficult to maintain—filling in the numerous potholes that develop is difficult because the lots are always near capacity. This results in passengers and employees having to park and walk through large puddles, often in the dark. All parking lots are located on land owned by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities and are managed by the Borough in conjunction with the airport lease.

The Borough is requesting the State Legislature, through the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, to fund a project estimated at \$850,000 to install curbing, paving and striping on the second parking lot on Revillagigedo Island and the engineering to pave and expand the parking lots on Gravina Island.